



FLORAL STREET SCHOOL

May Preview

www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/Floral



Dear Floral Families,

• **Potential fees for next year:** As you may have read in the newspaper, there is a projected school budget shortfall of \$1.2 million dollars for next year. The School Committee is contemplating instituting bus fees to offset part of that deficit, which would then preserve approximately eight teaching positions across the school district and prevent larger class sizes at the middle schools and high school. **A transportation fee, if enacted, would mean that 48% of Floral families would need to pay a \$200 fee per child (\$400 family cap) for bus service.** This would be based on a strict limit requiring families living within a two-mile radius of school to pay for bus service (a map showing which addresses are “free” vs. “fee” is located in the School Department lobby at Town Hall). There would be no more winter bus; those families who were served by the winter bus would pay for service on a year-round basis. For more details on these proposed bus fees, as well as potential athletic/activity fees at the middle and high school level, please go to

<http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/Schools/District/PREZOS/Fee/SC.Presentation.4.7.04.htm>

This document is also available in the Floral office. Please feel free to call Mr. Sawyer with questions about this issue. The budget is scheduled to be discussed at 9:45 p.m. during this week’s School Committee meeting, which begins Wednesday at 7:00 at the Town Hall (also broadcast live on Channel 34, SETV on local cable).

• **Volunteer reception:** This year, the Shrewsbury Public Schools will honor all school volunteers at a family event at Shrewsbury High School this coming Thursday, April 29, from 5:15-7:00 p.m. If you volunteered at all during the past year, please join us with your children for a hot dog meal with dessert as our way of saying “Thanks!” for your help. If you haven’t already, please RSVP to the office, but please join us even if you don’t have the chance to RSVP. We hope to see you there!

• **We are asking for your cooperation with a parking problem.** Please do not park in the driveway near the entrance to the playground, as this blocks delivery trucks, the garbage/recycling trucks, and, potentially, fire trucks. We are working on getting signage for this area, but in the meantime please avoid parking in this area. Thank you!

~ Joe Sawyer & Jane Lizotte

Ballot Question for School Purposes Scheduled

There is a ballot question scheduled for the town election on Monday, May 3rd. Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm. Polling places are as follows. **Please remember to vote!**

Precinct 1: Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building, 100 Maple Avenue

Precinct 2: Gesang-Verein Frohsinn Club, 25 North Quinsigamond Avenue

Precinct 3: Coolidge School, May Street

Precinct 4: Scandinavian Athletic Club, 438 Lake Street

Precincts 5 & 8: Sewer and Water Dept., 209 South Street

Precinct 6: Shrewsbury Senior Center, 98 Maple Avenue

Precinct 7: Spring Street School, Off 121 Spring Street

Precinct 9: All-Purpose Rm, Liberty Assembly of God Church, 495 Hartford Turnpike

Please see the back for the May calendar.

Floral Street School - Important Dates in May

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| May 3 | Grade 2 Field Trip - Mrs. Caforio's & Mrs. Martel's classes |
| May 4 | Grade 2 Field Trip – Mrs. Peterson's & Mrs. Flynn's classes |
| May 4 | Grade 1 Field Trip – Mrs. Kelly's class |
| May 5 | Grade 2 Field Trip - Mrs. Harrington's & Mrs. Hogan's, Mrs. Shaw's & Mrs. Gardiner's classes |
| May 5 | Annual Choir Night at Shrewsbury High School – 7:30 p.m. (Grade 5 Chorus) |
| May 6 | Grade 2 Field Trip - Mrs. McManus's & Ms. Huxley's classes |
| May 7 | Grade 4 Field trip to Shrewsbury Electric and Cable Operations. |
| May 11 | Grade 1 Field Trip – Mr. Avery and Mrs. Frankian's classes. |
| May 12 & 14 | Grade 3 Field Trips to Shrewsbury Center (class schedule TBA) |
| May 13 | Grade 1 Field Trip – Mrs. McGrail and Mrs. Plourde's classes |
| May 17-28 | Grade 4 MCAS – English and Language Arts |
| May 17-28 | Grade 5 MCAS - Science and Technology |
| May 18 | PTO Meeting in Media Center at 7:00 p.m. |
| May 20 | Grade 1 Field Trip – Ms. Meomartino & Mrs. Grossman's classes. |
| May 25 | Grade 4 Chorus Concert: 6:30 p.m. - Beall/Edgren/Walsh/Wilson 7:30 p.m. – Morgan/Manning/Portuondo/Rickard |
| May 31 | No School, Memorial Day |
| June 5 | Falcon Family Fair! |
| June 18 | Last day of school (half day) |

